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Alameda Branch News

*Celebrating our strengths and promoting education and equity
for women and girls in our community*

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December Meeting December 7

The Cinema Club invites you to join us for our regular meeting on the first Sunday of December for an afternoon matinee at the Alameda Theatre, followed by an ice cream social at Tucker's on Park Street. The price of \$19 includes the matinee ticket and one scoop of ice cream in a cup or cone at Tucker's (vegan flavors available). Since we do not know the movie schedule until Wednesday 12/3, the start time is pending, but it will be starting in the range of 12:30 - 2:30. Everyone who has reserved a spot by 5:00 pm Tuesday 12/2 will receive an emailed ballot with the movie choices.

To reserve a spot, please send your check for **\$19.00** made out to Alameda AAUW by **Tuesday 12/2** to:

Alameda AAUW
c/o Kevis Brownson
1554 Everett St.
Alameda, CA 94501

OR Reserve at Square: <https://square.link/u/BkY6F8Pu>



Questions? Call Kevis at [510-463-4966](tel:510-463-4966) or email kevis.brownson@gmail.com



Thanks for your Support!! AAUW Alameda Tech Trek



Our Tech Trek Luncheon was a huge success again this year. The girls were funny, engaging and shared their experiences with enthusiasm and wise reflection. Christ Episcopal Church shared their lovely and spacious community room at no cost and our Tech Trek committee—Linda Preminger, Shubha Fanse, Jennifer Ayres, Mary Kay Hardwick, Ellie Barrantes, Laura Porter and Sheri Stock—made it all happen.

Thanks to all who attended and donated. We raised over \$3,000 thanks to our generous members.

Our dedicated Tech Trek committee members work all year to make it possible for our branch to select and send 8 girls to camp. If you're interested in joining the committee, please reach out to me to Barbara at barbarakrummel@comcast.net.

If you weren't able to join us but would still like to help, Click here to donate online now <https://square.link/u/SbiYftmt> or send your check made out to AAUW--CA SPF (Tech Trek on the memo line) to Barbara Krummel, 3258 Liberty Ave., Alameda, CA 94501. You will receive a thank you letter with Tech Trek's tax ID number.

-Barbara Krummel, Tech Trek Committee Chair

To Honor Donna Vaughn



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the park bench project for Donna Vaughn.

The bench with the plaque is now in place at Chochenyo Park, near Encinal and Park Avenue.

If you still wish to contribute, contact Dorothy Kerwin at kerwindorothy@gmail.com. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/Future Events

Monday, December 1, 6:00 pm -- **Board Meeting** – via Zoom – All Welcome

Saturday, December 6, 6:00 pm – **Global Restaurant Dining Group** – Dragon Rouge Bistro

Sunday, December 7 – **AAUW Meeting** - hosted by Cinema Club

Monday, December 8, 12:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

Saturday, December 13, 10:00 am – **Equal Rights Amendment Presentation** via Zoom

Monday, December 15, 1:30 pm – **Afternoon Books**

Monday, December 22, 12:30 pm – **Mah Jongg Group**

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Sunday, January 4 – **Cinema Club**

Saturday, January 17, 6:00 pm – **Global Cooking Group**

Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 pm – **Evening Books**



Lilly, the 2024 film about the life of Lilly Ledbetter, is streaming on Netflix. Patricia Clarkson stars as Lilly, who was instrumental in getting the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act passed by Congress in 2009. This law effectively eliminates the statute of limitations on fair pay claims. She also had a long relationship with AAUW.



Alameda County Interbranch Council presents

**Constitution in Crisis: The History of the 28th Amendment
Saturday, December 13, 2025, 10 - 11 am on Zoom**

The Equal Rights Amendment presentation brought to you by the Alice Paul Center for Gender Justice is a 45-minute presentation with an additional 15 minutes for questions, comments, and guided discussion. The slide presentation features historical research, archival photographs, and action steps to add to your feminist toolbox.

Our presenter will be Molly Gonzales, Advocacy Manager for the Alice Paul Center for Gender Justice. The presentation is open to the public. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Here is the zoom link for this event:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83562959231?pwd=Hs1kW0RkZjYxMXNDrhmhUYv1kVpGU6.1>

At the end of this Newsletter are 2 tools: a flyer for this event with a QR code; the outline for Molly's presentation.

Here is the link for the Alice Paul Center for Gender Justice:

<https://www.alicepaul.org/forward-together/>



Author Roswitha McIntosh (with Kay Weinstein) spoke at the November meeting hosted by the Afternoon Book Club



The Museum Group toured the newly restored California Historical Radio Museum in Alameda on November 20, 2025



Afternoon Books

The afternoon book group meets on the third Monday of each month at 1:30pm. There is no assigned book. We just talk about what we have read, any genre. The December meeting will be on December 15th in the Library Friends Café, 1550 Oak St. Please respond to Kay Weinstein, kayweinstein@gmail.com, for more information.

Cinema Club

Cinema Club meets on Sunday, December 7. This time, we are hosting the Alameda branch at our meeting. Please see the separate front page article for this event. The next regular meeting after that will be the January 4. To join us or for more information about the group, please contact Kevis at kevis.brownson@gmail.com.

Evening Books

The Evening Books group does not meet in December. We will next meet at 7:00 pm on January 20 with *The Geography of Bliss*. We are looking for new members to join our group. We read an eclectic selection of literary fiction, nonfiction, history, and memoirs. Our 2025-26 selections are *Differ We Must* by Steve Inskeep, *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi, *The Glassmaker* by Tracy Chevalier, *The Geography of Bliss* by Eric Weiner, *Crow Planet* by Lyanda Lynn Haupt, *James* by Percival Everett, *Poet Warrior* by Joy Harjo.

Our dates and books for the year are listed at <https://alameda-ca.aauw.net/book-club/> . For more information about the group or to join us, please contact Penny Washbourn at penelopewashbourn@gmail.com .

Global Cooking Group

The Global Cooking Group meets every two months at a member's home to share a potluck meal of an interesting cuisine from around the world and US. Our next meeting will be January 17 at 6:00 pm. To join us or for more information, please contact Jennifer McGaffey at jjmcgaffey@guenean.com.

Global Restaurant Dining Group

AAUW Alameda's Global Dining Group will dine at Dragon Rouge Bistro (Vietnamese restaurant), 2337 Blanding Ave., Alameda, at 6:00 pm on Saturday, December 6. For more information, contact Laura Porter at [510-912-0385](tel:510-912-0385)

Mah Jongg

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday afternoon of each month to play American-style Mah Jongg using the National Mah Jongg League card and rules. Beginners and experienced players are welcome. Contact Laura Porter at Lrajean@aol.com or [510-912-0385](tel:510-912-0385) for more information about the Mah Jongg interest group.

Museum Group

The Museum Group toured the newly restored California Historical Radio Museum in Alameda on November 20, 2025. The Museum Group will not meet in December. Our Museum Group will now meet on the fourth Thursday of each month.



Calendar		Branch Activities				
December 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1--Board Meeting 6:00 PM via Zoom	2	3	4	5	6-Global Restaurant Dining Group 6:00 PM
7-- December Meeting hosted by Cinema Club	8- Mah Jongg 12:30 PM	9	10	11	12	13-ERA Presentation 10:00 AM via Zoom
14 	15- Afternoon Books 1:30 PM	16	17	18	19	20
21- 	22- Mah Jongg 12:30 PM	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29	30	31 			





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CONSTITUTION IN CRISIS: THE HISTORY OF THE MISSING 28TH AMENDMENT

DECEMBER 13, 2025
10 AM - 11 AM PST

PRESENTED BY
**THE ALICE PAUL CENTER FOR
GENDER JUSTICE**



MOLLY GONZALES
ADVOCACY MANAGER



Equal Rights Amendment Presentation

Scope

The Equal Rights Amendment presentation brought to you by the Alice Paul Center for Gender Justice is a 45-minute presentation with an additional 15 minutes for questions, comments, and guided discussion. The slide presentation features historical research, archival photographs, and action steps to add to your feminist toolbox.

The cost of the presentation for feminist and partner organizations is \$100. This cost helps support our work to use feminist history to inspire feminist action, maintain the stewardship of Alice Paul's childhood home which is one of less than 3.8% of federally protected landmarks dedicated to women, and continue the work of public education around women's history.

Presentation Outline

I: Alice Paul

- Who was Alice Paul and what did she do?
 - o Suffragist, introduced more militant approaches to the American suffrage, authored the Equal Rights Amendment, and founded the National Woman's Party.

II: Suffrage Amendment and the post 19th landscape

- o Post 19th amendment, many suffragists left public life believing the battle for equality was won, why did Alice Paul not join them and what did she do instead?

III: 1920-1923 ERA drafting process

- o Intellectual debates: protectionists vs. emancipationists o Cross national study on women's rights
- 1923 the ERA is first introduced to congress o Republican senator and grandson of Susan B. Anthony introduces the ERA for the first time, where it will be introduced every year for the next 50 years until its passage in 1972.



IV: How did Alice and the NWP advocate for ERA?

- What are the important moments in early ERA advocacy?
- How did Alice Paul use research and scholarship to advocate for ERA?

V: Anti-ERA arguments

- The ERA received bipartisan support until the Eagle Forum and Phyllis Schlafly's anti-equality propaganda campaign
- Why do women oppose equality?

VI: The ERA In California and it's current status

- What is the current status of the ERA and what can you do about it?
- What is the status of the ERA in California?
 - California used a ballot provision measure to ratify their state ERA in 1974. What is the difference between a state ERA and the federal ERA?
 - Why was this important and what were the results of the provision?
 - The immense pushback to ERA and equality measure by Californians, from the success of briefly repealing gay marriage in 2008 and the 1996 proposition to dismantle affirmative action, speaks to a larger push and pull of cultural equality in the state. What does the ERA have to do with this?

VII: How can we continue to advocate for the ERA right now?

Please contact Molly Gonzales at mgonzales@alicepaul.org if you have any questions